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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM FRG INSPECTOR GENERAL WUST TO JCS
CHAIRMAN BROWN CONCERNING POSSIBLE AWACS DEMONSTRATION IN
AUGUST-OCTOBER 77

1. JCS IS TRANSMITTING SEPARATELY TO DAO BONN A COPY
OF A MESSAGE RELAYED THROUGH FRG MILITARY CHANNELS TO
JCS CHAIRMAN BROWN FROM FRG ARMED FORCES INSPECTOR GENERAL
WUST SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR A DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME OF
THE CAPABILITIES OF THE E-3A AWACS OVER FRG TERRITORY AND
ADJACENT WATERS DTG 24100Z MAY. GENERAL WUST'S MESSAGE
SUGGESTS AN AWACS DEMONSTRATION IN THE AUGUST-OCTOBER
1977 TIMEFRAME AND LISTS A SERIES OF EVENTS AND CAPABILI-
TIES HE BELIEVES THE DEMONSTRATION SHOULD ENCOMPASS.

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2. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER GENERAL WUST'S MESSAGE
CONSTITUTES A FORMAL FRG INVITATION FOR THE DEMONSTRATION,
WITH THE NECESSARY POLITICAL INPUTS (I.E., FROM FRG MOD
LEBER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT). GIVEN WELL-KNOWN FRG
SENSITIVITIES TO AN AWACS "HARD SELL" WE NEED TO DETERMINE
MORE PRECISELY THE NATURE OF GENERAL WUST'S PROPOSAL

BEFORE RESPONDING FORMALLY TO IT. IN THE INTERIM
GENERAL BROWN WILL OF COURSE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

3. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE EMBASSY BONN TAKING
APPROPRIATE SOUNDINGS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE FRG HAS
DECIDED THAT AN AWACS DEMONSTRATION DURING THE AUGUST-
OCTOBER 1977 TIMEFRAME IS DESIRED. IF SO, WE ALSO NEED
TO KNOW MORE PRECISELY WHEN WITHIN THAT 90-DAY PERIOD
THE DEMONSTRATION WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE FROM THE
STANDPOINT OF AVAILABLE AUDIENCE.

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